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LEGAL NEWS.

The Christmas legal vacation commenced to-day and continues until January 3rd. No Chambers were held this morning, the next Chamber day being Tuesday, December 30th.

Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following matters in Chambers yesterday:

Pitts vs. Le Feuvre & Co.—F. Higgins, for the plaintiff, obtained leave to sign judgment.

Attorney-General vs. Griffiths—On an application for substituted service, A. F. R. Martin, for plaintiff, obtained leave to serve one member of the defendant firm in Seattle.

Devereaux vs. Victoria Terminal Railway Co.—This action was transferred to the County court, and leave given to both parties to deliver interrogatories. G. H. Barnard for plaintiff, T. Fell contra.

Re estate of E. E. P. Medina (in lunacy)—S. P. Mills, K. C., obtained an order confirming the registrar's report, and for leave to commence proceedings to recover property.

Dyne vs. Mills (County court)—An application to discharge a replevin order was dismissed, with costs to plaintiff in the cause. F. B. Gregory for defendant, W. J. Taylor, K. C., contra.

Raser vs. McQuade—An application by defendant to set aside an order for examination was dismissed, with costs to plaintiff in any event, plaintiff to have no costs of his ex parte order. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for defendant, W. J. Taylor, K. C., contra.

Re W. A. Anderson & Co., winding-

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up—Claim of the B. C. Cold Storage Co. was disallowed. Ward's claim was ordered to be filed by January 4th. Examination of deponents on affidavits was directed.

His Lordship handed down a written judgment on the application of the mortgagees of the Lenora, Mt. Sicker Co., for leave to proceed with a foreclosure action, leave being granted.

In the Admiralty court, Mr. Justice Martin granted leave for delivery of interrogatories and for discovery in Waterhouse vs. Willie. L. Crease for plaintiffs, T. Fell contra.

On Monday Mr. Justice Drake granted foreclosure decrees nisi in the action of Northern Counties vs. King et al, and vs. Munro et al. R. H. Pooley for plaintiffs.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS.

(Associated Press.)
Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 24.—A heavy snowstorm is general in the Dakotas, Iowa and Minneapolis. Railroad traffic is considerably delayed.

OPPOSITION WON NORTH VICTORIA

MR. PATERSON IS IN
BY A GOOD MAJORITY

Two of the Island Stations and Sidney
Give Him Substantial Plurality
—The Figures.

The opposition is triumphant in North Victoria. The result of the polling gives T. W. Paterson a substantial majority over his opponent, the figures being 198 against 153. It was an uncomfortable job for the government, who had been fondly expecting a handsome plurality for their candidate, but the shock was especially poignant to Mr. Robertson and his immediate friends, who felt confident that the islands would more than counteract the superior vote that they conceded Mr. Paterson would poll in North Saanich.

The campaign was a sharp one, and was energetically conducted on both sides. Mr. Robertson had the advantage of being first in the field, having been assiduously at work in the district for some time past. He had the assistance of all the campaign talent and influence that the government could bring to bear. Cabinet ministers themselves going the rounds in a vain attempt to swing victory their way. The intense concern manifested by the government in this bye-election was one of its prominent features. The Premier has been a most persistent canvasser, and spent a week visiting every corner of the constituency, with the result, to use his own words, that "he had seen every elector but two." Those two may have helped to swell Mr. Paterson's majority.

The joint meetings held have been distinguished by the participation of most of the ministers, the Premier, Hon. Mr. Eberts, Hon. Mr. Wells and Hon. Mr. Prentice, drawing on all their eloquence to convince the electors that Mr. Robertson was the very man they wanted. This remarkable sudden, tender solicitude for the welfare of North Victoria failed to work the desired spell, and one old farmer was heard to remark last Saturday night: "They only care for us at election time. After that they don't give a damn. All the promises they can give won't make us forget that we haven't had a member for many months."

The last guns in the campaign were fired on Monday night in North Saanich. Polling was quite brisk, and continued until 5 o'clock. The steamer Unicorn was chartered to visit the various islands and pick up the ballot boxes, taking them and that of Sidney to Ganges Harbor, the station of the returning officer, Percy Purvis.

The result of the polling at Sidney was received in little less than an hour, and promptly bulletined. It was impossible to get the other returns until about midnight, when the Unicorn arrived with the news of Mr. Paterson's victory.

Mr. Paterson's friends in the district were jubilant and celebrated their victory with much gusto. The victorious candidate returned to the city on a special train shortly after arriving at Sidney. The total number of votes cast was 349, which was 98 in excess of the number polled in the general election of 1900. Then there were three candidates. The complete returns are as follows:

	Paterson, Robertson.
Pender Island	23
Mayne Island	25
Galliano Island	34
Burzyne Bay	11
Ganges Harbor	30
Sidney	61
Total	198
Majority for Mr. Paterson	45

Mr. Paterson was in the city to-day, and was kept busy receiving the congratulations of his admirers on the splendid victory achieved by him in North Victoria. He is of the opinion that the government cannot possibly live, although they may keep their seats until the opening of the House, which will be deferred as long as possible. The opening of West Yale is bound to lead to the same results as in North Victoria. He describes John Oliver, of Yale, as the Boanerges of the North Victoria fight, whose onslaughts could not be met even by the Attorney-General.

FIRE AT CHEMAINUS.

Building in Chinatown Used as a Store
Burned to the Ground.

(Special to the Times.)
Cheminus, Dec. 24.—At 8 p.m. last night a two-story frame building in Chinatown, owned by Tim Kee, of Victoria, and used as a general store, was burned to the ground. Little of the contents were saved. The cause of the fire is supposed to be due to the explosion of a lamp. The amount of insurance carried on building and contents is not known at present.

The V. L. & M. Co. have shut down their logging camps during the holidays. They will probably start up right after New Year's day.

THE POPE.

(Associated Press.)
Rome, Dec. 24.—There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Pope is ill. The Pontiff is in good health and excellent spirits. He did not retire until 10 o'clock last night, rose at 7 this morning, celebrated mass in his private chapel and proposes to celebrate a Christmas Eve mass at midnight.

THE KINDERGARTEN OF EDEN.

I dreamed, dearest maid (or madam)
In the land of Make Believe,
That I was your Christmas Adam,
And you were my Christmas Eve.

And we played keeping house together,
(It was built of Christmas cards),
And we basked in the Christmas weather,
Indulging in "kind regards."

And we wandered the woodways fearless,
While we filled our lovely park
With the wild beasts, painted and peerless,
That we found in Noah's Ark.

And we picked great nosegays of holly
From the Christmas evergreens,
And we lived in our faith and folly,
As happy as kings and queens.

Till a toy snake, (green and carnation,
The kind that comes from Japan),
Led both of us into temptation—
This is the way he began:

"Kind Lady and Sir—Did you ever
Think why you obey the laws
That were made for you by the clever
And genial Santa Claus?"

"And, if so, pray do you remember
You are not allowed to see
Till the twenty-fifth of December
His star-lighted Christmas Tree?"

"Now, of course, you have been to college,
And what you don't know is small,
But the real creme de creme of knowledge
Is high on that tree-top tall."

"I know where it stands in the garden,
And Santa Claus is asleep;
Besides, I am sure he would pardon
The merest glimpse of a peep."

You listened, I think, and I listened,
And, led by the snakey toy,
We came to a bower where glistened
A radiant bush of joy.

With popcorn and powder bespangled
It mounted to wondrous heights,
And it groaned with the gifts that dangled
And laughed with a thousand lights.

With the pure, cold calm of a maiden,
It sprang from a bank of snow,
But its branches were summer laden
And—'twas crowned with mistletoe.

And there grew in my heart a feeling,
For those berries small and white
Possess a power of revealing
A wisdom of pure delight.

And I led you in full confiding,
(For nothing you knew of love),
Where the littlest dolls were hiding
From the Druid wreath above.

Then, soberly seeking my teaching,
You asked me what it could be
Of knowledge so great and far-reaching
That fell from the Christmas Tree.

And, oh, but my sinning was flagrant,
Answering "knowledge is this,"
In the shade of the branches fragrant
I gathered a Christmas kiss.

But, alas for the dream that ended,
I'm now but a banished prince;
By your chaperon unattended
I never have met you since.

J. H. MCGREGOR.

HOW CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED

Services to Be Held in Most of the
Local Churches—in the Various
Institutions.

To-day is Christmas eve, and by midnight Santa Claus will have made his last purchase and commenced his aerial flight to the homes of expectant youngsters. Trees are being prepared for their equipment of good cheer, and other arrangements are in progress for a day of home enjoyment. Last night's Charmet, this afternoon's Majestic and the noon train to-day brought down a large number of passengers who will spend the festive day with relatives in the city.

Christmas will be observed in the various city churches, and in most cases the service will be supplemented by special music.

Rev. J. McCoy, M. A., of the Ladies' College, will preach to-morrow morning at the First Presbyterian church, commencing at 11 o'clock. Services will not be held at St. Andrew's church.

At St. John's church there will be a

celebration of holy communion at 8 a.m., morning prayer at 11, followed by a second celebration of the holy communion. The rector, Rev. P. Jenns, will be in charge. Special music has been arranged.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. at the Metropolitan church by the pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. Special music appropriate to the occasion will be given. The auditorium has been beautifully decorated.

Bishop Perrin will preach at Christ Church cathedral to-morrow at 7, 8 and 11 o'clock. The choir will be in attendance at the former. A special musical programme has been prepared.

At the Church of Our Lord there will be Divine service at 11 o'clock, when the preached will be Rev. H. J. Wood, rector. The church has been very prettily decorated for the occasion with holly and evergreen.

The inmates of both the provincial jail and city police station will fare well to-morrow. A Christmas dinner of roast beef and plum pudding will be served in both cases.

A specially inviting bill of fare has been prepared for the benefit of the children of the B. C. Protestant Orphan Home. A donation of an entire lamb has been received from Mr. Walter, of Salt Spring Island, and together with an abundance of plum pud-



A PURSE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR DECEMBER.

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

READY TO MARCH ON THE CAPITAL

MANY RECRUITS DESERT
GOVERNMENT FORCES

Renewed Activity Among Revolutionists
in Venezuela Who Will Attack
Caracas From Different Points.

(Associated Press.)

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 23.—(By boat from La Guayra.)—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring aim to Gen. Mateos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The government, which signed with them an armistice of ten days, which ends to-morrow, has 3,600 men at Barquisimeto and 2,500 near Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired. The revolutionists have planned to march on Caracas by three roads. The leaders Ramos, Antonio, Guevara, Urbaneta and Penaloza, with 2,500 men, will march via Guatire; Antonio Fernandez, Ojeda and Crespo Torres, with 2,500 more, have left Camanagua, and Gen. Bolando, with 2,500 troops, will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucacas.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous. Attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government resources have vanished. The President's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists. General Mateos will leave Curacao shortly.

Messages Received.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute have reached Washington. They are in such form that the President can accept or reject the proposition outright. As the messages were received while the President was absent from the White House, he has had no opportunity to consider them, and until he does so his decision cannot be known.

For the same reason nothing can be gathered here as to the details of the proposals, and although great interest is felt as to the extent of the limitations, which the allies will ask to be placed on the arbitration, curiosity on that point must remain unsatisfied until the President has finally made up his mind what he shall do.

It is known that he is disposed to act with all speed in this matter, for he realizes that the conditions on the blockade line are such that almost any moment an unpleasant incident may occur through the obstinacy of some skipper, or from a genuine misunderstanding of the terms of the blockade, that may diminish all chance of a peaceful settlement.

SHOT WHILE AT SUPPER.

Assassins Fired Through Window Murdering Foreman and Wounding Agent.

(Associated Press.)

Boline, Ala., Dec. 24.—A. M. Bass, foreman of the coal chutes of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, was killed, and J. E. Jones, agent of the road, was wounded last night while sitting at the supper table of a hotel, the assassins firing through the window. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

LAND AND WATER.

Interesting Tables Prepared by Geographer of Department of Interior.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The census volume just out contains an interesting series of tables prepared by James White, geographer of the department of the interior, showing the areas of land and water in the several provinces and territories. The total land area is given as 2,510,684,071 acres, and lakes are placed at 80,483,222 acres, the total square miles of territory being 3,745,574. All tidal acres are excluded from calculation.

WRECKED BY ROBBERS.

House Blown Up With Dynamite—Man Killed and His Wife Seriously Injured.

(Associated Press.)

Mannington, W. Va., Dec. 24.—The residence of Robert Floyd, two miles north of here, was blown up with dynamite by robbers last night. Mr. Floyd was killed instantly, and Mrs. Floyd was seriously injured. The house was completely demolished. One thousand dollars, which it is said Floyd had in the house, is missing.

LIBERALS IN SENATE.

The Government Now Has a Majority Of One.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Senate now stands 40 Conservatives and 41 Liberals, a majority for the government of 1. Six years ago there were only nine Liberals in the Senate out of a House of 81.



WHAT TO BUY
At Xmas time is usually a vexing question. If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers.
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On Christmas day the cars will start running at 9 a. m.

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THE FLIGHT OF CROWN PRINCESS

ESTRANGEMENT WITH HER HUSBAND IRREPARABLE

She Is Determined Not to Return to Court—Some Sensational Stories.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23.—King George of Saxony and the Crown Prince Frederick know where the Crown Princess Louise, who fled from her home during the night of December 10th-11th, has sought refuge, but they have decided to accept the estrangement of the Princess and her husband as irrevocable. They have made the cabinet privy to the circumstances of the Princess's flight, and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequence to the Princess's resolution to leave the court forever.

This information was announced to her husband early in November, after one of their frequent violent scenes. She confided her intention to separate herself utterly from the court and "all its wretchedness" to two or three of her intimate friends, and discussed with them the impossibility of her longer enduring the artificial etiquette of the court and the "enforced companionship of a man who was loathsome to her." The Princess wrote to her mother at the end of November that it was her purpose to leave the Crown Prince and give up the prospect of the queenship, which, instead of being attractive, the Princess frequently said was detestable to her.

She told members of her entourage she was going to visit her parents at Salzburg. The letter of the Princess to her mother brought the Archduchess immediately to Dresden. She implored her daughter to reconsider her determination and make the best of an unpleasant situation for the sake of her children, and see as little of the Crown Prince as possible. The Princess replied, according to one of her confidants, that she would see nothing of "that beast," that the tutelage of her children was largely out of her hands, and said she could not bear to see them spoiled by the "hypocrisy of the court."

What she complained of in the Prince was his intemperance, his infidelities, and his partizanship affairs, his cruelty of disposition. They affirm that he has had for years a liaison with an actress named Baste, and it is creditably reported at a review of troops at Grimsa, a couple of years ago, the Prince fell from his horse intoxicated in front of his regiment. However true these incidents may be, the court and all Dresden knew that a chasm separated the affections of the Crown Princess from the Crown Prince. Although he seemingly had genuine admiration for his wife, the Prince did his share of quarrelling, and often tried to impose his will upon her, but always hoped she would in the end humble herself.

The Crown Princess's days at Salzburg were spent in controversy with her father and mother, who did not excuse her for a moment in her mad desire to leave her position and family. Her bro-

ther, the Duke Leopold Ferdinand, took his sister's part.

The circumstances of the Princess's flight are still obscure here. The only fact that seems clear is that the King and Crown Prince know where she is, and are in communication with her, but it is learned she is absolutely intractable. Dresden is absorbed by the sensation.

The Dresden Nachrichten, one of the principal newspapers, and having conservative leanings, after saying it could almost be sorry for the Princess, with a disposition incompatible with that of the Prince and disliking the etiquette of the court, suggests that "to find the reason for her disappearance one must find the man."

The man in this case who is associated with gossip with the Princess is a handsome Frenchman, who was the tutor of the Princess's children. He was peremptorily dismissed by order of the Crown Prince on December 2nd. The tutor has disappeared, and now the Princess has disappeared. Hence it is inferred that they are together somewhere.

An instance of the Princess's disregard of court manners was her cycling through the streets of Dresden with an American dentist who, at her request, taught her to ride a wheel, although the King and Crown Prince commanded her not to learn. The name of this dentist was at first coupled with that of the Princess when it was heard that she had disappeared, but as he is quietly living here with his family, the story was dropped.

The Crown Princess was independent

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure dizziness and sick headache.

and high-spirited, and was inclined to ridicule the observances of the little Saxon court, which takes itself most seriously. The Crown Prince, who has recovered from the injury he recently sustained while hunting, drove out to-day with three of his sons.

The Flight.

Vienna, Dec. 23.—The flight of the Crown Princess of Saxony is the absorbing topic of the day here. All kinds of sensational reports are in circulation. When she left Salzburg, accompanied by her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, the Princess went to Munich, where a French tutor awaited her. Her brother was also joined there by a beautiful Viennese woman, and the two couples proceeded to Brussels and thence to Geneva.

It appears that when the Crown Prince returned recently to Dresden after his hunting accident in the Tyrol, he discovered secret correspondence exchanged between the Princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandal, resulting in the tutor's expulsion from Saxony. Besides disclosing the couples' relations, the letters revealed another scandal. Immediately afterwards, the Princess left her home and went to Salzburg. The fact that she took a trunk filled with jewelry and other valuables indicated that she was prepared for emergency. It is reported that Archduke Ferdinand has written to Emperor Francis Joseph renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the Imperial house, and saying he will become a civil subject. The whole of the Archduke's career is replete with scandal, dating from the time when he started to accompany the heir to the throne on a tour of the world. He only got so far as Colombo, where he was obliged to leave the ship on account of his scandalous behaviour. The Archduke has since been mixed up in a number of affairs, and was confined for some months in an asylum.

At Geneva.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—The Crown Princess of Saxony is here under the name of Fraulein Von Oben, her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Professor Giron, are at the same hotel. The Archduke has assumed the name of DuBarionio. The party are living quietly and purpose to spend Christmas here.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED.

F. W. Morse on the New Transcontinental Railway.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Frank W. Morse, third vice-president of the G. T. R., and William Walbridge, comptroller, returned to-night from a tour through the Northwest in the interest of the Pacific line.

When asked about the object of the trip, Mr. Morse said: "As soon as necessary legislation is obtained we intend to begin operations simultaneously at North Bay, Prince Albert, Edmonton, the Pacific coast and other convenient points, so that the construction may be rushed as rapidly as possible. We think we should be treated as liberally as any other road."

"What about a land grant?"
"Well, for example, in British Columbia, if these is no railway communication to them? We were welcomed everywhere, and what particularly commends our project was that we had better Eastern facilities than any other Canadian railway. About 80 or 90 per cent. of the people there are from Eastern Canada, and they know what our system with its double track can do." After a brief account of the trip, Mr. Morse said: "There are no negotiations whatever with the Canadian Northern. I notice, too, that Mr. Mann states that the ambition of himself and Mr. Mackenzie is to build a transcontinental line themselves."

Port application names two Pacific ports, Butte Inlet and Port Simpson, and as far as we could ascertain, the grades through the mountains to either would be five per cent. easier than the present C. P. R. route."

FAILURE OF CROPS.

Great Distress Prevails in China Where Prices of Food Have Increased.

Yokohama, Dec. 4, via San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Reports of poor crops and prohibitive prices for the staple native food reach the Hongkong Telegraph from all quarters.

Great distress is reported from Amoy and Swatow, while similar accounts reach that paper from Singapore and other southern ports. Kwangsi and Kwangtung have experienced similar features, with the result that the Canton situation is very grave.

As for the Philippines, the rice crop in Paganas, Camarines and other minor provinces have been a failure. Nauuan, the chief exporting port for the Philippines supply, has also suffered in its crop through the drought, and the market there has advanced practically 50 per cent. since the beginning of the year. At present that district is bare of rice, and is trying to cancel contracts. It is said that soon no rice will be obtainable until the new crop comes in February.

SAD TRAGEDY.

Man Mistaken For a Burglar and Shot by His Brother.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 23.—About 9 o'clock this morning at Middleport, 12 miles from the city, Wesley Watson was shot and instantly killed by one of his brothers. Two brothers, Samuel and James Watson, run a firm. Wesley returned last night from Detroit, entered the house and went to bed. The brothers heard him but were so frightened they went to a neighbors to spend the night. Sam and James borrowed a shot gun in the morning and went to the room. Wesley rose up in the bed as they opened the door, but they failed to recognize him, and shot him in the face, death resulting instantly.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

VERY BUSY TIME FOR SHOPKEEPERS

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MANY STORES

Some of the Specialties Offered by Victoria Establishments Rush—Expected To-night.

The annual pilgrimage to town is now on. Shopkeepers and their employees are working overtime, and by midnight will be ready for a much needed rest. Despite the very unfavorable weather to which this city is being subjected, the streets are constantly thronged with shoppers, whose itineraries included stores of all classes, dating from the butcher establishment to the artistically arranged drug store. The great point at this season of the year is to make the windows attractive, and some of the decorations are exceptionally well done. A noticeable feature this year is the large number of illuminated signs, which give the city a gay appearance in the night. These decorations, extensively employed in the American cities, and advertising factors have been found to work very successfully.

No more beautiful windows in the city are to be seen this festive season than those of Challoner & Mitchell, the Government street jewellers, at whose premises daily are crowds of buyers and admirers. Constructed specially with a view to attractiveness, the windows, when full of handsome jewellery, cut glass and other ware, including the "Kaiser sinn," the newest stock in the market (which of late has become very popular in the East), are an ornament to the street. Especially brilliant does the display look at night when the lights of myriad electric lamps throw their varied coloring on the scene. The lights when reflected on prisms surrounding the windows lend an effect that is extremely pretty.

Almost side by side with these windows is another elegant display in the jewellery line. It is that which adorns the windows of C. E. Redfern's store. Here is to be seen a display of miscellaneous lines of goods which bespeak quality rather than attractiveness of arrangement.

Poultry, sweetmeats and seasonable fruits are conspicuous in the windows of Erskine & Wall's grocery. Evergreens have been used for decoration purposes with great results, and the whole showing is thorough in keeping with the holiday dress of the season.

M. W. Watt & Company have spacious quarters, handsomely illuminated, and an artistically arranged stock of instruments of varied assortments. One of the windows appears in white, and contains an ingenious outlay of instruments, while the other appears in green and is devoted to make of the most popular and classical description.

In the windows of the Hinton Electric Company there is a showing of electrical goods which naturally look their best in the evening. Small and large bronze statues appear, each with a colored electric light, surmounting in some way, making up a tempting line of stock that never fails to attract the eye of the pedestrian.

Fox's cutlery store presents a window that is unequalled in its kind in the city. It is full of a class of stock that seems to possess an interest for the passer by as well as for the purchaser.

Among the furniture displays the windows of J. Selk have a never-failing attraction for the householder. Large and roomy the window space is filled to the best advantage, and contain an excellent assortment of fancy dishes, glassware, furniture, etc.

The windows of Bowes's drug store are conspicuous for the handsome goods shown and the attractive way in which they are presented. One window exhibits a splendid line of ebony ware, while the other is taken up principally with perfumes of different kinds.

Geo. R. Jackson has a fine display of goods' furnishings, consisting of hats, gloves, fancy neckwear, suspenders, mufflers, umbrellas, and in short all those articles which the present generation of the male persuasion is convinced can't be dispensed with. His neighbor, J. H. Baker, is showing an equally attractive assortment of shoes and slippers, the celebrated Slater, occupying a position of prominence.

The employees in the Victoria Book & Stationery store have had their hands full the past few days, and after to-night will enjoy a much-needed rest. The contents of their window have attracted an unceasing stream of purchasers who have had a varied assortment to select their gifts from. This includes leather goods, dressing cases, ladies' handbags, dolls with genuine kid bodies, fancy cards by the million, and some magnificent editions of good books of poetry and prose.

dam, leather goods, drawing and painting materials, together with all kinds of stationery must be the generalities only possible of mention in this limited notice. The Fit-Reform haven't a variety of colors with which to produce spectacular effect in their window decorations, but the quality of their goods commands attention and inspection. This is the season of balls, banquets, soirees in general, and the demand must be met. Clothing has priority over anything else, not only at this time but at all seasons of the year.

An inviting assortment of delicacies ruled by an elegantly dressed girl, sitting in state, makes one of the Hastie Fair windows the cynosure of young Victoria's eyes. Still the youngsters love variety, and having fastened their eyes on this window they either go inside to try the sampling process or they move to the next window, where Mr. Hastie has prepared a large display of toys. In the eyes of the younger generation the "toy man," as the proprietor is termed, is supreme to everybody else. He is to be more respected than statesmen, politicians (who are only statesmen in embryo) and other men of note.

True to custom, that will never be discarded, Messrs. Fletcher Bros. have introduced holly into their window decorations. Storekeepers may utilize holly, bunting and illuminations, but holly belongs to the Christmas period and makes the most pleasing accessory. But after all it is only an accessory because the window space is taken up with an excellent showing of musical instruments. The reporter is capable of specifying some of them, but their number and variety are too great to permit full treatment in these few lines.

The latter man has a great deal to say at this rather momentous season. He doesn't exactly express himself in words, but actions speak in an unmistakable language of their own, the real and only "volapuk." The same feelings overpower everyone who gazes at the display in the B. C. Cattle Company's shop, from the hundred pounds to the pendant turkeys and fowls of all sorts. Other establishments may be admired at a distance, but everybody makes a pilgrimage to the butcher shop. What is Christmas without a turkey or roast?

A window of which the best use has been made is that of J. Wenger, the jeweller, whose premises almost adjoin the old post office building. Full of a complete line of goods the display is such that one invariably stops to examine and ponder over it.

McCandless Bros. on Johnston street, have placed before the public a very pretty display of goods specially attractive and arranged for Christmas time. Their windows are very tastefully decorated with nobby goods in the line of gent's furnishings, special attention being paid to those suitable for Christmas gifts.

The Saunders Co. have their windows very attractive. Plentifully adorned with evergreen the one window has been filled with the most varied descriptions of liquors. The other is banked with every description of fruit, while the season's greetings, carefully traced among the display of wares, meets the eye in this.

Very special pains have been taken in dressing the front of W. G. Cameron's store. In a window devoted to fine wear in gent's furnishing the model of a harp has been made to fill the window. In the other Santa Claus and his snow-covered deer are on exhibition. The whole display is deserving of special praise.

The shoe stores of the Patterson Co. have well arranged windows. In one of them a miniature Christmas tree, adorned with ornaments, and the finest of children's shoes, finds a place. The remaining space is allotted to the display of the various grades of goods for which the firm have the reputation of keeping the best.

Lawrence Goodacre's butcher shop is a tempting quarter for the epicurean. No vegetarian should risk even passing it at this season of the year. Carcasses from the most carefully selected stock crowd the building. There is in addition the most carefully prepared specialties in the line of pastries and richly adorned mutton. A full line of all classes of

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CHRISTMAS.

Once more we are in the midst of the merry, glad season of goodwill and goodfellowship. How fast the years are accumulating upon the heads of our old fellows! It seems such a short step since last Christmas, when we were extending the season's greetings to friends who are now scattered over the face of the broad earth, or have passed forever beyond the reach of the warm outstretched hand, pulsating perhaps with the emotions of a heart which ordinarily is hard to move, and yet is thrilled with the recollections of the past, called up by the presence of the Christmas spirit.

It was not given to all of us to be so fortunate as to be born in British Columbia. When we think of all the advantages the children of this favored land enjoy—especially in the neighborhood of Victoria—we are forced to the conclusion that if the subject were optional we would willingly endure the toils, the trials and tribulations of later life for the sake of spending the first twenty years in the playgrounds, in the witching woods and by the placid waters of Vancouver Island. Many of us spent our early years, "so prodigal of time," under less happy circumstances than the rising generation in Victoria is doing. But the spirit of youth cannot be subdued even under the most untoward circumstances. We are gathered together here in the year of our Lord 1902, a truly cosmopolitan people. Only the stress of circumstances will drive out those of us who are of any special value to the community. Here we are and here we shall remain unless the fates prove specially unkind. The majority of us have fond recollections of days gone by, when there was no break in the loving circle which completed our little world, and when there was no thought of that kingdom having an end. Perhaps Santa Claus was not in circumstances to permit of the showering of gifts upon us; possibly the great-hearted saint was not looked upon as a factor in child life at all. That made no difference. Those were the days. To us they can never come again. The circle is broken. The assembly around the old stove "in the East," or the broad fireplace still farther away, will be incomplete to-morrow. New circles have been formed, and to the majority in those circles the path of life seems to stretch away into such an indefinite future that the end thereof is not worth considering. But our point of view has undergone a change. We know that it can be but a little while until there shall be another breaking up and the tender recollections of bygone days shall dwell in other hearts. Presently the time will come for us to pass out of the circle, and the world shall know us no more. If we possess the true Christmas spirit such thoughts will not seriously disturb us. Let us remember there are those with us in whose minds the bounds of this life have not yet been set. The wise men of the East twenty centuries ago appeared before the Little Child bearing gifts. "Nearer and closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness and forbearance. It is in the last virtues especially that we are, or should be, strengthened by the unaccomplished visions of our youth; for who shall say that they are not our teachers to deal gently even with the impalpable nothings of the earth. . . . The winter sun goes down over town and village; on the sea it makes a rosy path, as if the sacred tread were fresh upon the water. A few more moments and it sinks, and night comes on, and lights begin to sparkle in the prospect. . . . In town and village there are doors and windows closed against the weather, there are flaming logs heaped high, there are joyful faces, there is healthy music of voices. Be all ungentleness and harm excluded from the temples of the Household Gods!"

NORTH VICTORIA.

The people of North Victoria have spoken, and there is little comfort for the government in the tones of the voice. The victory of Mr. Paterson is a

remarkable tribute to the man personally when all the peculiar circumstances of the case are taken into consideration. The government candidate frankly confessed that he had been "nursing" the constituency for upwards of a year. The patronage was placed in his hands, and the patronage dispensed by a government situated as that of Colonel Prior's was no light thing in a district comprising less than four hundred voters. Then four of the Ministers have been on the watch for a considerable time. They did not hold many public meetings, nor were the assemblies held addressed by all the Ministers. The government evidently thought there were more effectual ways of convincing the electors than by talking to them publicly. Those members who undertook to publicly justify the course of the administration had but a sorry experience. The position of the Premier, who claimed that he was not responsible for the action of the government of which he was a member in denying the constituency representation, was thoroughly exposed by Captain Tallow. And as for the Attorney-General, the doughty champion and general slang-wagger, a combination of Bonapartes, Furies and common fishwife when aroused by the prospect of expulsion from office, no member of any government ever came out of a conflict more thoroughly discredited. His usefulness to any political combination in British Columbia was very nearly at an end before he entered the Prior Ministry. The position of Mr. Eberts today after the exposure of his career made by Mr. Oliver and Mr. Paterson is the very reverse of enviable. All things considered, the savageness of his demeanor and the malignity of his actions are not to be wondered at.

North Victoria is to be congratulated most heartily on the result of the election for two reasons: First, she has secured one of the ablest and strongest men in the province as her representative; secondly, because she has expressed her resentment at the treatment that was meted out to her by the present Premier and some of his colleagues. We confess it never occurred to us that it would be possible for the electors of the constituency to condone the act of the government—he who can draw a distinction between the present government and its predecessor must exercise a very fine discrimination in denying North Victoria for nearly a year the representation to which she was entitled. In spite of appeals to patriotism and to self-interest and of a resort to methods which would not bear investigation, the government stands condemned, and in that condemnation a warning has been issued to the present and to all succeeding administrations that the rights of the people cannot be trifled with without the authors of the wrong being called to account sooner or later. If the Ministry entertains any idea of meeting the Legislature and asking for judgment upon its personnel and policy all the seats must be filled if there is an authority in the province sufficiently potent to compel recognition of the rights and privileges of the electorate.

As to what the government will do now that the last shred of hope of its securing the support of a majority of the Legislature has been removed, who shall undertake to say? Colonel Prior will probably not resign. He prides himself upon his determination to fight to the last ditch. Having in view his manoeuvres within the last few months, it would not be surprising if he is at present over the Mainland asking for terms from the opposition leaders. But we believe the Colonel has sinned beyond redemption, and that he will find the hands of the chief men of all political sections against him. He should hand in his resignation and refrain from heaping more of the ashes of humiliation upon his once honored head.

Christmas day is one part of the year in which the newspaper fraternity generally cuts loose from business cares and goes forth to enjoy itself after the manner of men engaged in less exacting professions. The Times, in common with all its evening contemporaries and many of the morning journals on this great continent, will not be issued to-morrow. May all our readers and friends spend a merry, happy and joyous Christmas.

MAYOR AND EXHIBITION.

To the Editor:—In this morning's Colonist Workingman No. 2 comes to the rescue of Mayor Hayward, and states that his Worship had nothing to do with the matter of the Colonist account being paid out of the gate receipts of the late exhibition. I have been differently, but at present I am in a position to prove it. However, the fact remains that the Colonist was paid \$500, while the band, the workmen and other accounts, amounting to about \$500, are still unpaid. Workingman No. 2 seems to be very much worried to think that anyone should have the audacity to criticize the actions of the Mayor in connection with the exhibition, and characterizes such actions as unfair, unmanly and disreputable. Workingman No. 2 may consider them so, but the intelligent and honest citizens of Victoria who have to foot the bill look upon this matter in a different light. In the Colonist of October 5th, in a very conspicuous place on the first page, we find the following: "Through the efforts of Mayor Hayward, arrangements were made



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READ:

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In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixie H. Ross & Co., Esplanade, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

The Nanaimo Yacht Club have purchased the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Commerce on Front street. The intention is to fit the premises up as a first class club.

There was a fair attendance at the annual entertainment of the Sunday school of the Centennial Methodist church last evening. Parents and friends first gathered in the auditorium of the church, where the children rendered a cantata entitled "The Coming King." An adjournment was then made to the school room, where Santa Claus distributed the gifts.

The marriage of Mr. Thos. Williams and Miss Eliza Ann Bumstead took place last evening at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. William Fraser, Lyall street, Work Point. The bride was attended by Miss Ina Clark, while Mr. J. Blatchford acted as groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. McRae. After the marriage a wedding supper was served.

The British Columbia Metallic Bedstead & Bedding Company, which was allied to in these columns some time ago upon the organization of the company, have now commenced the casting of their material on their own premises. The business is under the management of A. Taylor, who is adding to his staff as the trade demands. The intention is to do a wholesale trade only, the firm supplying dealers in their line of goods.

Formal notice of motion for the approaching municipal elections has been posted up on the bulletin board over the signature of Ald. Yates. Nominations will be held in the police court at the city hall on Monday, January 12th, from 12 o'clock noon to 2 p. m. The balloting will take place on the following Thursday, January 15th, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. The polls will be stationed in the market building. Balloting for school trustees will be conducted in the police court, while it is altogether likely that voting on Ald. Yates's eight-hour by-law will take place in the old fire hall.

At a meeting of the committee of the Victoria Hockey Club last evening the following team was chosen to meet the Barracks team in the league match on Saturday next at 2:30 p. m.: Backs, W. Knapp, R. H. Swinerton and A. McLean; halves, J. Hart, B. Jagers and K. Gillespie; forwards, T. B. Tye, W. York, B. Schwengers, D. M. Rogers and L. York. Schwengers and W. York are newcomers to the game, and this will be their first appearance in a hockey match. If they succeed in filling their positions as expected, the above will be the fastest and most evenly balanced team the local club has ever put in the field, and the Barracks will have a hard run to maintain their winning gain for the hockey trophy.

PERFUMES.

Just the thing for a Christmas present, a bottle of our choice Perfumes. We have them in bulk and in fancy bottles, from 10c. up. Special offer, Colgate's La France Rose, 50c. oz.

F. W. PAWOWETT,
Cor. Douglas St. and King's Road.
TELEPHONE 630.

The remains of the late Fred. H. A. Nelson, of the Quamichan hotel, were interred on Friday. The funeral arrangements were carried out under the charge of Lodge 17, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the following: Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Keast, I. O. O. F. (Rebecca Lodge), all of Duncan, and E. Nelson, Messrs. Pither & Leiser, and Native Sons of British Columbia, from Victoria. The deceased was a native British Columbian. He was born at Kamloops, where he succeeded his father in the hotel business. He afterwards followed that business in Ashcroft and Lillooet before taking charge of the Quamichan hotel in succession to N. Grieve.

MONEY TO LOAN

On inside property at low rates, and on Residential Property
Insure in the Manchester Assurance Co.
Swinerton & Oddy,

GUNS AND CARTRIDGES

All the latest Firearms and Smokeless Cartridges kept in stock.

JOHN BARNESLEY & CO.

115 GOVERNMENT STREET.

WHO WANTS To Make \$200?

You can do so by buying the last lot in the Andean Estate on Stanley Ave. for \$300.

Or By Purchasing

A 6 roomed cottage, bath, hot and cold water, on a good street, Work Estate, all for \$600.

Fire Insurance
And Money to Loan.

P. C. MacGregor & Co.

NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

Best dolls in the city, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

The S. S. Majestic will leave for Seattle to-morrow night at 12 o'clock.

Grand stock of ladies' purses, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

The following are the returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 23rd inst.: Clearings, \$925,598; balances, \$365,437.

For every \$1.00 purchased from now till the New Year the purchaser will receive a pair of embossed whist counters at W. H. Pennock, 64 Yates street.

In the provincial police court this morning the Sooke calf case was again called. A remand until after Christmas was made to suit the convenience of both sides. The case will come up on Saturday at 9 o'clock.

A Christmas tree entertainment will be given in A. O. U. W. hall on the evening of December 31st by the Sons and Daughters of St. George. The entertainment is intended for the families and friends of members.

Mrs. Florence Maria Seymour, widow of the late Hon. Frederick Seymour, formerly Governor of British Columbia and afterwards of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, died on Tuesday, December 16th, in London.

Christmas donations to the Marine hospital are acknowledged by the steward of that institution as follows: Wilson Bros., large box of raisins; R. P. Rithet & Co., plum puddings; Hudson's Bay Company, bag of nuts and tobacco; F. Stewart & Co., apples and oranges; G. B. Munro & Co., figs; the B. Wilson Company, chickens.

The Friendly Help Society finished distributing Christmas donations yesterday. Eighty households received Christmas cheer from this society. Eight schools responded heartily to the request for assistance with groceries, toys, fruit, etc. Twenty cash donations, amounting to about \$150, and 60 bundles of new clothing and other commodities were received. Complete lists of donors will appear later.

Closing exercises in connection with St. Ann's kindergarten and primary school, Blanchard street, were held yesterday afternoon. A first class programme of music was given by the children for the entertainment of parents and friends. On Friday, the 19th, the semi-annual examination of Northfield school took place. S. Moore, B. A., conducted an oral examination of the pupils of the senior division on the prescribed line of study. After the completion of this work a brief programme was given by the students. The work of the term amongst the junior pupils was reviewed by Miss Florence Handle. Songs and recitations interspersed the exercises. Out of respect for the late James Sloan the Christmas tree for the Northfield children has been postponed until after the holidays.

It is a remarkable fact that with lower premium rates than those charged by the leading American companies, The Mutual Life of Canada has paid better results on its matured policies. A comparison of actual results of exactly similar policies in twenty or twenty-five years, or at maturity of endowment term furnishes indisputable evidence in proof of this claim and is the most practical test that can be applied to any company. The amount of dividends paid Canadian policyholders in the last ten years by the Mutual Life of Canada is more than half a million dollars greater than the amount paid Canadian policyholders in dividends by the largest American Company in the same period of time. Before insuring elsewhere call at 34 Broad street for the rates and plans of the Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Provincial Manager.

The death occurred at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday of J. M. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, representing McIntyre Sons & Company, of Montreal. Deceased was taken seriously ill at the Driard hotel a couple of days after arriving here on his regular business trip. He was removed to the hospital for treatment, and an operation performed, from which he never recovered. Mr. Macdonald was one of the best known and most popular travelling men on the road. He was the brother-in-law of Sir Daniel McMillan, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and the late Ben Gordon, of this city. He leaves a widow and daughter in Toronto to mourn his loss. The body will be forwarded to Winnipeg by to-night's Champer. A short service will be conducted by Revs. W. Leslie Clay and Dr. Campbell at the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co. at 9 o'clock. The deceased was a member of the Masonic order, members of which body will attend informally.

Perfumes

We have a nice assortment of the best French perfumes. Handsome packages for holiday trade.

HALL & CO.,

DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
Clarence Block, Yates and Douglas Sts.

NOBBY NECKWEAR

—AT—

McCandless Bros.

Initial Handkerchiefs
at McCandless Bros.Fancy Suspenders at
McCandless Bros.Presentable Gloves and
Umbrellas at McCandless Bros.Smoking Jackets and
Dressing Gowns at
McCandless Bros.Everything in Men's
and Boys' Wearables
at McCandless Bros.

Fountain Pens, - \$1.50 to \$4.50

Ladies' Purses, - 50c to \$6.00

Gift Books for Young and Old.

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Sold at guaranteed lowest city prices.
PROMPT DELIVERY.POPE STATIONERY CO.
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Waterman Fountain pens, all guaranteed and interchangeable, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

Only one more day for shopping; come bright and early to Weiler Bros., where you will find just what you want. December 24th will be a record day with us, it will be the closing triumph of a successful week of business.

We have made provision to meet the demand of the most exacting, and consequently have such a variety of goods that everyone coming to us can be supplied. Presents for the grown-ups, little ones, the rich, the workman; in fact everybody. Pay us a visit to-morrow. Weiler Bros.

Angus Galbraith, of James Bay, has dug potatoes from his garden which are the second crop for the season. The tubers are a volunteer production from those left in the ground at the time the usual harvest was gathered. Samples of these second potatoes left at the Times office reveal the fact that they are of first class quality, resembling in every way the usual early crop.

A party of Japanese fishermen some months ago established themselves at Departure Bay, Nanaimo, to cure fish and convert the waste material into a fertilizer. The waters about Nanaimo abound with herring, and a lucrative business has been built up in it by white fishermen. The Japanese are now reported to be using seines, and from the heavy catches utilizing a large part of the fish in the manufacture of fertilizers. The local fishermen of that city are appealing to Inspector Sward to take steps to prevent the abuses complained of.

Mr. Downing is presenting his old and much-loved play "The Gladiator." The play is, in itself, a beautiful picture of life in luxurious Rome, during the period when Faustina, the beautiful and cruel Roman Empress, flourished. She it was who determined to stamp out the then budding Christianity, and the followers of the new faith were sacrificed in the arena as fast as they could be found. But as Faustina watched them die, she saw that they met their fate with a peace and happiness so singularly different to that of the other captives, that she paused to think, then to investigate. A new world was opened to her, and in its light she walked; for at last when death came it found her with her lips clinging to a cross, in a little church in the Appian Way. "The Gladiator" will be presented at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night.

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To Get a Good

BUSINESS SUIT

Of the Latest Imported Goods.
There are just a few left, and they are being sold at

BIG REDUCTIONS

—AT—

PEDEN'S,

Merchant Tailor, 36 Fort St.

A Snap in Mechanical Toys

Everything Reduced. 50c and 75c Toys reduced to 40c; 25c and 35c Toys reduced to 20c. Come and see our display in Grocery Store and Meat Market.

JOHNS BROS.

Butchers and Grocers. 250 Douglas Street.

The Little One's Present

What shall it be? Why not a pair

Our Xmas Slippers

Our assortment of Xmas Slippers is unequalled in the city. FINEST SLIPPERS, nice bright colors. Patent Leather and Kid COLONIAL SLIPPERS, with fast color buckles. Just the kind the little ones delight in.

Ladies' Handsome Slippers FOR XMAS

See our windows for samples of the finest Slippers made for evening wear.

Latest American Novelties

The fashionable "Colonial" Slippers, with fast color buckles, in French Kid, Patent Leather, Suede, Velvet in Red, Black and Purple, Satin. They are the acme of prettiness. No more pleasing present for a lady than a pair of these lovely Slippers.

...Felt House Slippers...

Our stock of Felt House Slippers is very complete. We keep the celebrated "Doige" make, also imported French goods.

CITY SHOE HOUSE,
(THE PATERNON SHOE CO., LTD.)
OLD WESTSIDE. 70 GOVERNMENT STREET.

House of Commons Scotch Whisky

Is noted for its purity and fine flavor.
For sale by the leading grocers and bars.

..Compliments of the Season..

If You Haven't Bought It Yet, Remember the Glove Store

GEO. R. JACKSON'S

57 Government Street

VIRAGO'S SERVICE.

Runs Three Weeks in Succession and Then Lays Off For a Spell.

The torpedo destroyer Virago came in from Comox yesterday afternoon after a run to Comox made, it is understood, in connection with the new targets there being installed. On the return the vessel went into a bank of fog, and had to go to Union. The Virago spends every fourth week in port. Her running schedule provides that she will go out every Monday for three weeks in succession, remaining out until Thursday, and then coming into port for the balance of the week. During the winter she comes into port each night, but in summer this routine is varied, and the vessel leaves port for days at a time. When the ship is stationed at Comox she usually plies to and fro, acting as tender on the big ship. At other times it is believed her duty is principally patrol work.

The charge against Jos. Carroll of obtaining money under false pretences from the Occidental was this morning withdrawn. The accused, it is understood, has settled with the complainant.

A meeting of the general committee of the I. O. O. F. having charge of the preparations for the banquet on January 12th, was held on Monday evening. Arrangements were reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

The tug Tyee has been chartered to make a special trip from Vancouver to Nanaimo for the purpose of bringing several tons of turkeys which had been shipped from the East, and had been delayed in arriving. The only chance to get the poultry to Nanaimo in time for Christmas Day was by chartering a vessel for a special trip, which was accordingly done by the dealers.

STORE OPEN UNTIL 9:30 TO-NIGHT

THE WESTSIDE

VICTORIA'S POPULAR STORE. DECEMBER 24, 1902.

TO-NIGHT'S SPECIAL XMAS SALES

GREAT HANDKERCHIEF SALE.

Beautiful Boxes containing 6 Handkerchiefs and 1 Pretty Xmas Card, complete for 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 each KID GLOVES AT REDUCED PRICES.

EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED.

LADIES' FRENCH SUED GLOVES. Regular value \$1.00 pair. SPECIAL TO-NIGHT 75c
LADIES' BEST QUALITY FRENCH KID GLOVES. Regular value \$1.50 pair. SPECIAL TO-NIGHT \$1.00
MEN'S KID GLOVES. Per pair, SPECIAL TO-NIGHT \$1.25, \$1.50

BOYS' CLOTHING SALE.

GIVEN AWAY—A Boy's Strong 2-Bladed Pocket Knife given away with every purchase in this department over \$2.00.
BOYS' ENGLISH NAP HEMSTERS. Regular \$3.50. TO-NIGHT \$2.50
BOYS' 2-PIECE TWEED SUITS. Regular \$3.00. TO-NIGHT \$2.25

To-Night's Great Sale of Men's Xmas Furnishings
MEN'S PURE SILK INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS. TO-NIGHT 25c
MEN'S SILK REVERSIBLE NECKWEAR. SPECIAL TO-NIGHT 35c
MEN'S FANCY SILK BRACES. Regular \$1.25 pair. TO-NIGHT 75c

XMAS GREETINGS
"The Westside" takes this opportunity to wish its numerous customers and friends A VERY MERRY XMAS
And at the same time thank them for their very liberal patronage during the year.
THE HUTCHESON CO., LD., VICTORIA, B.C.

Xmas Turkeys Galore.

WE HAVE THEM. THE VERY FINEST.

No Xmas Dinner will be complete without one. While the holiday festivities are occupying your attention, you cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that our store leads in sensible delicacies for the table. Our stock of Wines and Liquors is complete. All of which combine for a Perfect Christmas Dinner.

The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

PHONE 28. 39 AND 41 JOHNSON STREET.

OILED CLOTHING ALL LINES IN YELLOW AND BLACK J. PIERCY & CO., Wholesale Dry Goods. Victoria

A Good Watch Is Worth Having



When time is in dispute the watch from Wenger's always decides that a watch from there is reliable. The name itself is a guarantee. Every watch sent out from this store is accurately regulated and can always be depended upon. Over 200 watches to select from, in gold, silver and gold filled.
Just received, 50 of the finest precision watches ever shown here; some made by Mr. J. Wenger, of Bienn, Switzerland; others specially selected by him from some of the best makers, all specially adjusted and jeweled with finest rubies, 17 to 21 jewels. Kindly give us a call and inspect our stock and get prices.
Remember, we sell you a watch you can't get elsewhere.

J. Wenger,

THE SWISS WATCHMAKER,
90 Government Street,
Established 1876. Victoria, B.C.

We Have Them Now.

YOU NEED THEM NOW.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS.

The largest and best selected stock in the city to choose from.
Men's Black Roman Slippers \$2.00 to \$2.50 a pair
Men's Chocolate Roman Slippers \$2.25 to \$2.50 a pair
Men's Plush, Dongola, Felt or Carpet Slippers \$1.50 to \$2.00 a pair
Ladies' Felt, Plush, Kid or Figured Slippers 75c to \$2.00 a pair
Ladies' Patent Leather, Kid or Velvet Slippers \$1.25 to \$3.50 a pair
Ladies' Fancy Slippers, all styles.
Children's Slippers, in great variety.
Geo. A. Slater Infirmary Waterproof Shoes.

JAMES MAYNARD, 85 Douglas Street.

Christmas Presents

Do you know of any better than a pair of suitable glasses for those needing them?

DR. WILLIAMS

OPTICAL SPECIALIST, 106 Government St.

NEAR YATES

Your Table Will Not Be Complete

Unless you have good wholesome nuts. We would specially draw your attention to our assortment, guaranteed to be new and of the best quality. SEE OUR WINDOW.

Almonds, Brazils, Filberts, Walnuts and Chestnuts

Our Turkeys and Geese Have Arrived

in splendid condition.

Mowat & Wallace,
Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts. GROCERS.

VERY BUSY TIME FOR SHOPKEEPERS

(Continued from page 2.)

poultry adds to the festive appearance

The front of Dixi Ross & Co. is a stopping place for all passers-by. The windows are such as to attract every one. In addition to a lavish display of fruits in the usual forms, they have placed on exhibition great jars of apples, etc., preserved in natural shape in liquid. In the centre of it all a miniature of the King appears. In another window is a tempting array of liquors in the midst of which is exhibited a lion, which attracts all the children.

J. Fullerton has a pretty display of shoes. His windows have been given a decided holiday appearance. The arrangement is very effective, and rich lines of shoes are placed on exhibition. As usual, B. Williams & Company, gent's furnishing establishment, on Yates street, has an elaborate display of Christmas bargains. The show windows have been tastefully dressed by S. G. Henderson with neckwear, hand-some English leather suit cases, silk umbrellas, gloves, fancy knitted waistcoats, silk handkerchiefs with and without initials, dressing gowns and smoking jackets. Mr. Henderson has made a special effort to make the windows attractive, and has undoubtedly succeeded. When lighted up the effect of the reflection in the numerous mirrors is very striking.

The windows of John Cochrane, corner of Yates and Douglas street, present an appearance appropriate to the season, and have an attractiveness that commands inspection. Holly and ivy have been used to set off to advantage the exceedingly handsome stock of ebony toilet sets, mirrors, and other articles in the drugist's line.

A special effort has been made to make the windows of Arthur Holmes & Co., corner of Yates and Broad streets, attractive. Gent's furnishings, including ties, collars, gloves, etc., marked at moderate prices, are arranged in a very artistic manner.

A striking display in the boot and shoe line is that of James Maynard, Yates street. An especially fine stock of slippers of all descriptions has been brought from the East, and are shown to best advantage in the store windows. Holly, ivy, and other evergreens usually used in Christmas decorations adorn the windows. The whole is set off with a background of pine, which has the effect, especially when the electric lights are on, of making a creditable display.

An assortment of jewellery and silver tea services, handsome and varied, is to be found in the windows of Stewart's jewellery store, Yates street. The display of watches is very striking. The diamonds are also of the best. The electric light effects are beautiful and show up the handsome array of jewellery to the best advantage.

The windows of John Creighton & Company, tailors, of Broad street, have been tastefully arranged with the newest styles of cloth. Evergreens have been liberally used in the adornment of the windows.

Alex. Peden, the Fort street tailor, while making no special Christmas display, intends doing work at special Christmas bargain prices in order to dispose of stock which he does not wish to carry over until spring.

Mowat & Wallace, grocers, of Yates street, with their usual energy and enterprise, have arranged most of their windows. All the delicacies for a Christmas dinner are seen, while a Christmas tree laden with gifts of all kinds enhances the general appearance.

The window of Watson & Hall, the Yates street grocers, present an appearance in keeping with the season. Raisins, nuts and every delicacy peculiar to Christmas are exhibited, as well as the indispensable turkey. The whole is set off tastefully by the use of evergreens.

Hardress Clark, grocer, Douglas street, has an attractive window. On one side are Japanese oranges of the best and largest kind, while on the other are nuts, raisins, candies, Christmas stockings, etc. Holly and ivy have been used in an artistic manner.

The windows of Dean & Hiscocks contain a miscellaneous assortment of handsome gifts and pretty nick-nacks. Fancy toilet and manicure sets, neck-perfumes, mirrors, ebony goods, atomizers, etc., are but few of the many presents obtainable here. Decorating has not been neglected, and the exceedingly pretty display is a tribute to the enterprise and energy of the firm.

At the Central Drug Store, Hall & Co. display a handsome assortment of suitable Christmas gifts of toilet sets, mirrors, perfume bottles, etc., arranged in a very tasty manner.

D. B. Campbell, corner of Fort and Douglas streets, has one of the prettiest windows in the city. The display

of gifts, while not elaborate, is calculated to attract attention. Some handsome toilet sets and ebony goods are shown. The whole is set off with decorations of holly, ivy and flowers. In one window is the greeting, "A Merry Christmas," enclosed in a wreath of holly.

Very inviting windows are those of Clay's, Fort street. Here are found all delicacies imaginable. Cakes adorned with "The Season's Greetings" worked in icing, candies, bon-bons, etc., are on sale.

Nesbitt & Company have arranged a striking display. In one window is every device in the way of electric light shades, while in the other is an electric railway in operation. The store is brilliantly illuminated at night.

The grocery store of John Bros., Douglas street, makes a display representing many branches of business. The spacious windows are crowded with a line of goods pleasing alike to the old and young.

Across the street at the corner of King's road and Douglas street there are a couple of fancy windows in Fawcett's Drug Store, which exhibit a fine assortment of brushes, perfumes and nick-nacks of great variety.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Mr. McKerron encountered a masked man with a revolver on Monday. Mr. McKerron, who is foreman at Thorpe's Soda Water Works, was returning home at 8 o'clock, when a man with a red handkerchief hid part of his face stepped in front of him and ordered him to throw up his hands. Mr. McKerron saw a pedestrian a short distance away at the moment the demand was made, and shouted to him, whereupon the hold-up man took flight and ran away.

The Electoral Union have nominated Ald. Jas. McQueen and J. B. Campbell for advertisement Ward 2.

Ed. Woodward, a white man living at Eagle Harbor, Howe Sound, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the District court for assaulting his blood-brother, and also for supplying her with liquor. Woodward was charged with supplying liquor to an Indian, to wit, his wife, Louisa, and with assault upon the same person with intent to do the same person bodily harm. On the second charge being reduced to common assault, the prisoner pleaded guilty. The magistrate sentenced him to four months, without the option of a fine, on the first charge, and two months or a fine of \$20 and costs on the second charge.

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Selling 20 per cent. less than elsewhere, for Xmas.

BROOK & O'NEILS, 52 FORT ST. TEL. 846.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Lenora Mount Stock Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding Up Act and Amending Acts.

The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has, by an order dated the 15th day of December, A. D. 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Watson, of the MacGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above named Company. Dated the 15th day of December, A. D. 1902.

B. H. TIRWHITT DRAKE, Registrar.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the District of British Columbia, viz: Lot 575, Seward District, containing 100 acres more or less.

Dated 20th September, 1902. ADOLPHUS R. THOMAS.

DOES YOUR FOOD DISTRESS YOU?

Are you nervous?

Do you feel older than you used to?

Is your appetite poor?

Is your tongue coated with a slimy, yellowish fur?

Do you have dizzy spells?

Have you a bad taste in your mouth?

Have you a sensation of fullness after eating?

Do you have heartburn?

Do you belch gas or wind?

Do you have excessive thirst?

Do you notice black specks before the eyes?

Do you have pain or oppression around the heart?

Does your heart palpitate, or beat irregularly?

Do you have unpleasant dreams?

Are you constipated?

Do your limbs tremble or vibrate?

Are you restless at night?

NAME

Age

Occupation

Street number

Town

If you have any or all of the above symptoms you probably have Dyspepsia. Fill in the above blank, send to us, and we will mail you a free trial of PEP-SI-KOLA TABLETS—unquestionably the surest and safest Dyspepsia cure known—together with our little book—"Advice To Dyspepsia." Regular size PEP-SI-KOLA TABLETS, 25 cents, by mail, or your druggist.

Agents wanted.

THE LAXAKOLA COMPANY.

45 VERNEY STREET, NEW YORK.

ARE YOU SICK OF DRUGS?

Then Try Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt.



years that I have applied my belt.

READ WHAT THEY SAY.

My health has been better than it has been for years. I would recommend the Belt to anyone troubled with a weak stomach. WATSON ALLEN, Lower Burlington, N.B.

I was very ill. I feel like a new man. My stomach and back are O.K. I cannot praise it too much. It has done me a world of good. O. STOCKFORD, Atlanta, Ga.

I feel well satisfied with the Belt. I have doctored and spent hundreds of dollars without relief. It has made a new man of me every day. My step is lighter, I am stronger in every part of my body. The drains are stopped altogether. B. MOLLINGS-HEAD, Woodbridge, Ont.

None of my pains have returned. In fact, no trace of my trouble. The Belt has done as work all right, thanks to you. G. L. SAVAGE, Chesley, Ont.

I purchased one of your Belts. I have worn it now four weeks and feel satisfied. It is the only thing to cure my trouble. I used to be troubled very frequently, and tired in the morning, but have not been bothered in this way since using it. I have satisfied that it will make a man of me. W. C. BROLEY, Box 15, Fernie, B.C.

Can you doubt the proof of those living testimonials? Two hands write to me in the same strain as the above. Any of them would be glad to share their knowledge with you if written to. There is not another remedy in the world to-day that has proven as effective. Its cure speaks volumes for the good work it has accomplished.

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Dated at Victoria this 15th day of December, 1902.

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(CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.)

"You are quite right, father," Basil said. "The price was exorbitant." "But why did you charge it, my boy? But here we are. Whoo, Pharaoh!" and the rickety trap came to a sudden standstill.

Instantly the door of the house was thrown open and a light streamed down the garden path. Then a grey-haired woman bent and wrinkled hurried down the line of light and threw her arms round Basil's neck.

"My son," was all she could say, and that in a shaky voice and then in silence they walked forward into the house. How grateful the warmth was after the biting cold outside. In what was called the "back kitchen" was a big open chimney, with a fire of furs and logs on the hearth. Basil pulled up a wooden chair and planted his feet close to the fire.

"I'm nearly frozen, mother," he said, spreading his hands over the flame. "An' nearly starvin' also, I expect," she answered, cheerfully.

"I shall be when I've thawed a little," was the reply.

"Well, I've got a fowl pie ready for 'ee. I wonder if you'll enjoy it as much as you used to do. 'Twan't he like the grand cookery you get up to London?"

"I expect it will be ever so much better, mother."

"Oh, no. I don't know nothin' 'bout your fancy cookin', but here 'tis all ready, so you'd better draw up to the table."

"But father is not in yet." "Oh, we needn't wait for him. It'll take him some time to put up Pharaoh, an' you'll be ready to drop."

Basil did not wait for a second bidding. Mrs. Pendarvis watched him anxiously while he ate. That something ailed him she felt quite certain. He was not in the least like his old self. He was quiet and unobtrusive and absent-minded. She had covered the old sofa with fresh chintz; there was a new pair of china dogs on the mantelpiece; a fresh lamp also was on the table with a shade over it, but he appeared to take no notice.

Before when he came home he had been so quick to take notice and so ready to pass an opinion on any change or alteration, but now he did not appear to take notice of anything.

"Are you sure you are quite well, Basil?" she asked at length.

"Oh, yes, I'm all right, mother," he said, with a wistful look in his eyes.

"You don't seem quite yourself," she answered.

"Don't I?" and he laughed a hollow

little laugh. "I had influenza some time ago, as I told you, but I'm all right again now."

"Terrible thing for getting on the nerves is that complaint, so I've heard." "My nerves are all right, I can assure you."

"I expect you be tired," she said after a long pause. "It's a terrible long way to come from London all the way down here in one day."

"Yes, it's a longish journey; but I don't feel the least tired, I don't really."

Mrs. Pendarvis shook her head and poured him out another cup of tea, for a meal, however good, without a cup of tea to moisten it would seem to any Cornish housekeeper a poor compliment indeed.

Basil's father came in a few minutes later and conversation became a little more brisk and general. After supper John smoked one of Basil's cigars, but declared that it was a wasteful smoke, and that he much preferred his clay pipe.

When Basil at length retired to his room—the room in which he had slept as a child and a youth—a curious wave of emotion swept over him. A sense of helplessness and forlornness stole into his heart; he felt like a ship on a wide wintry sea drifting he knew not whither. He tried his best to keep back the tears that welled up into his eyes, but they would not be stayed; the more he wiped them away the more they came. He felt terribly ashamed even though no one saw him.

There were such childish things, such an evidence of weakness and effeminacy. It seemed to him as though he were a child again, breaking his heart over some imaginary grief. He wondered if it were true that the influenza had got on his nerves.

"At any rate," he said to himself, "it will be soon over now. What a relief it will be to escape from this mockery of life."

It was a long time before sleep came to him. The great sea roared incessantly and made him restless and irritable, and memory persisted in going back and exploring the by-ways of the past. Once or twice the face of Dodo came before his mental vision and her great wistful eyes seemed to look at him reproachfully. "I do not know why I have come down here," he said to himself at length, impatiently. "I am only adding to my misery, and I'm doing no one else any good. It's a mistaken kindness to the old folks. I'd better have slipped the cable days ago. Anyhow, I'll not trouble them long with my presence," and he turned over on his side and soon after fell asleep.

CHAPTER XIV.

Fascination.

Specialists tell us that when the idea of self-destruction roots itself in the mind it exercises a fascination similar to that which is exercised by boa-constrictor or a cobra over a squirrel. The wretched creature may recoil in horror from its doom, may shrink and cry and struggle to get away, but the baleful eyes lure it on. The open mouth and forked and quivering tongue may at-

fright, but the fixed and glittering orbs fascinate, and the fascination is stronger than the fear.

This was in large measure true of Basil Pendarvis. There were times when the love of life pulsed strong within him, when the instinct of self-preservation made him recoil from the contemplated deed, yet the fascination of death was for the moment so strong that it triumphed over every other feeling.

He awoke on the morning after his arrival with a dull sense of oppression. Why did he awake at all. The new day called him to no fresh duty or pleasure, awoke no hope or purpose. He felt more helpless, more useless than the pebbles on the beach which the great sea rolled in and rolled out again. Once he had imagination, vision, skill. He could see with the eye of his mind and his hand could execute what he saw; but that day was passed. The power to construct a mental picture was gone. He tried to imagine sometimes what death was like and what mysterious future beyond death would unfold to him, but it was a vain effort. His mind refused to work.

He had cried the night before like a

tired child, but he did not know why. He was not sorry, he had no regrets. Grief, like joy, passed him by. He was almost as destitute of feeling as the great granite cliffs against which he could hear the sea beating in tireless monotony. He had only one desire—to be at rest, to forget and be forgotten.

If his mother did not think he looked well in the lamplight she was quite certain of it in the daylight. His eyes were heavy, and there were dark rims underneath them. Her ears also were quick to detect the undertone of weariness in his voice. He made a brave attempt to appear cheerful, and even told a funny story which made his father laugh till he ached. But the eyes and ears of the mother, sharpened by love and watchfulness, were not to be deceived. She could see beneath the surface. She knew that his gaiety was all a pretence.

"We're terrible proud of you, Basil," John Pendarvis said, without looking up from his breakfast place. "Mother and me never thought a son of ours would be so great a man."

Basil listened with quiet indifference. His father's praise and pride awoke no thrill of emotion in his heart.

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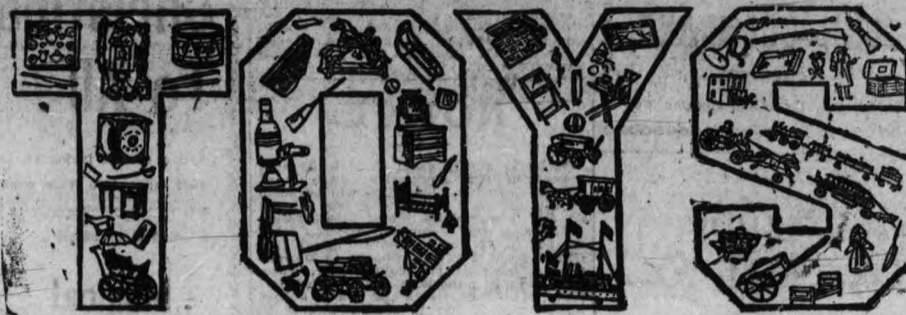
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Then his mother took up the running. "All the people in Penzance be terrible envious of us," she said. "Nobody else has got a son that the great folks look up to."

"It was only a freak of fortune," he said, indifferently; "a stroke of good luck."

"Good luck never painted a picture yet, nor made a road, nor ploughed a field. There must be labor at the back of it; aye, and skill, too."

"Of course there must be," his mother chimed in. "I reckon you baint goin' abroad to furren countries expectin' that good luck 'is goin' to put the paint on the canvas."

"Well, not exactly," Basil admitted with a laugh. "It seems very queer," said John, hesitatingly, "that so many painters never think their own country good enough for them; they must be always goin' abroad."

"They are anxious to gain experience," Basil said, evasively.

"Don't know 'bout that," said John. "Seems to me old England is good enough for anything."

Basil threw back his head and laughed, a poor mirthless kind of laugh, the hollowness of which did not escape his mother.

"Oh, well," John went on, "I may be wrong, of course, but I reckon Henry and George would have done just as well for themselves if they'd stayed at home."

"Maybe, better," Mrs. Pendarvis interposed.

"But, you see, they don't paint pictures," Basil said with a smile.

"But your plecter that's made a fortune weren't a furren one," John replied, quickly.

"That's quite true, father, but you

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can't paint the same subject twice over."

"I hate the sound of furren countries," Mrs. Pendarvis remarked after a short pause. "It seems to me when people get away they don't want to come home no more. Look at Henry and George. It's more'n twelve years since they went."

"Time soon slips away," Basil said, quietly.

"I hope you'll not stay away a long time like the others," she replied.

"I expect I shall, mother. That's why I came down to say good-bye."

(To be continued.)

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MOANA EXPECTED EARLY.

The Canadian-Australian liner Moana, Capt. Carey, is scheduled to arrive from Sydney, via Brisbane, Suva, Honolulu, on Christmas Day, but local agents are looking for her to-day. Among the passengers on the Moana are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett and Miss Nina Burnett, all of them returning to Vancouver after having concluded a protracted tour of the islands of the southern Pacific. The story of their voyaging was published in the Times a short time ago.

MARINE NOTES.

The British ship Cromartyshire, which arrived at Port Townsend from Manila on Friday last, reported speaking the American barque Big Bonanza off Cape Flattery. The Cromartyshire was ordered to quarantine at Diamond Point, where she will be required to discharge 800 tons of sand ballast and thoroughly wash out her hold before proceeding to Tacoma, where she loads grain for Africa. She is now in command of Capt. Nicoll. It was thought that the ship was to have first called here, and in anticipation of this her mail had been sent on to Victoria in advance of her arrival.

A cable message from the Associated Press correspondent on board the steamer Silverton received yesterday says: "During the past 24 hours 197 knots of cable have been laid, making a total up to noon to-day of 1,677 knots. The weather is partly clear, a strong south-westerly breeze has somewhat retarded progress; latitude 36 N. longitude 148.24 W."

The four-masted schooner Susie M. Plummer put in at Santa Barbara on Monday last, having lost three men on the voyage south with a cargo of lumber from Gray's harbor for Iquique. Her skipper reports having encountered terrific weather off the coast, in which the three members of her crew were drowned.

The oil-burning steamer Navadine, which plies between Honolulu and San Francisco, struck on one of the reefs of the Hawaiian Islands early this month. She was afterwards floated, having been towed free of the rocks by the tug Fearless, which received \$5,000 for her services.

Steamer Pingal arrived from the Fraser this morning with a load of hay. The collier Wellington, from Nanaimo, passed out last evening with a cargo of coal from San Francisco. Capt. A. F. Yates piloted her down.

The Puget Sound Navigation Company are building a new freighter, which is to be 130 feet long by 36 feet beam, with an eight-foot hold. The American barkentine Willie R. Hume, which has been undergoing repairs at Esquimalt, was towed up to Chemainus this morning.

Steamer Oscar came in from Seattle this morning with a load of feed. Steamer Tosa Maru arrived at Yokohama on Saturday last.

—Yesterday evening another charge was laid against G. Kirchmeyer—that of receiving stolen property to the value of \$8050. Additional bail was required of him, the amount being the same as that fixed in the morning, which will bring his total bonds up to \$3,000. This second charge was laid in consequence of the discovery of a large amount of stolen goods in Chinatown, where it is charged it was disposed of by Kirchmeyer. The goods consist of denim and blankets, and all told represent several thousand dollars.

DIED.

CLARK—At Delta, on Dec. 19th, Mrs. Peter Clark, aged 77 years.

In re Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1902

And in re The Tax Sale to Be Held Under Above By-Law on Monday, the 29th Day of December, A.D., 1902.

In accordance with the directions this day given by the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake upon application to him for directions as to dispensing with or substituting notice of intention to sell, upon persons interested in the undermentioned properties: Public Notice is hereby given that, in default of payment of arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due to the Corporation of the City of Victoria, the undermentioned properties in Schedule "A" hereunder will be sold by Public Auction at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Monday, the 29th day of December, A. D., 1902, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

Dated this twenty-second day of December, A. D., 1902.

CHAS. KENT,

Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

SCHEDULE "A."

Sub-Div.	Lot.	Block.	Section.	Person to Be Hired.	Nature of Interest.	Total Amount of Taxes for Which the Property is Subject to Be Sold.
11	102	9	1	Prosper Mene	Registered owner	\$23 74
11	103	9	1	Prosper Mene	Registered owner of half of the lot	\$23 74
11	135	9	1	John Finerty	Mortgage	\$30 14
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11	137	9	1	William Walker	Agreement of sale	\$2 35
11	138	9	1	James Beer	Agreement of sale	\$2 35
11	139	9	1	Christian F. Bruch	Agreement of sale	\$2 35
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